

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Route 23, Bridge over a Branch of the Wallkill River
Wantage Township, Sussex County
Public Information Center
Thursday, March 5, 2015 6 – 8 PM

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Public Information Center** regarding the **Route 23, Bridge over a Branch of the Wallkill River - Bridge Replacement Project in Wantage Township, Sussex County**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held at the **Sussex-Wantage Library Meeting Room, 69 Route 639, Wantage on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 6 – 8 PM**. Please plan to attend at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to examine design plans, ask questions, and discuss issues with representatives from NJDOT.

Background

Structure No. 1904-153, which carries Route 23 over a branch of the Wallkill River, is a single span bridge built in 1926. The structure is considered structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. Remedial scour countermeasures were installed in 2009.

Final Design

This project is currently in Final Design (FD). The major objective of the FD Phase is to produce construction contract documents for the project for use in soliciting bids from prospective contractors and moving the project to the Construction Phase.

The Proposed Project

The NJDOT is proposing to replace Structure No. 1904-153 with a precast, three-sided rigid frame. The cross section of the proposed bridge includes a 12-foot wide travel lane and an 8-foot wide shoulder in each direction along with sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. The project will also include the replacement of the existing guide rail and end treatments in the southeast, northeast and northwest quadrants of the structure to meet current standards.

The bridge will be replaced using two main construction stages and a single-lane temporary bridge to maintain both travel lanes of Route 23 during construction. Bicycle/pedestrian and oversized vehicle detours will also be implemented.

Environmental

Constraints include Section 4(f) land (the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge), which is located east of the structure, freshwater wetlands, and threatened or endangered species and their habitats. Every effort will be made to avoid or minimize impacts within the project limits. NJDEP permits include Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit.

Anticipated Schedule

Estimated Start of Construction – Spring 2016

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